MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I want an answer from the Surgeon General: Will it not be more useful to go in for a new hospital in some interior place like Kallikadu or Nedumangad?

DR. S. JOHN: I agree.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Then why not the two dispensaries stand in that locality, one at Kallikadu and one at Kattakada?

DR. S. JOHN: There is a temporary dispensary now at Kallikadu also.

*Opening of a dispensary at Vadakkekara.*

598. * MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there were not representations from the people of Vadakkekara in the Parur taluk for a dispensary there;

(*b*) whether the Government actually promised to give them a dispensary some years back; and

(*c*) if so, what the delay is due to?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A dispensary was opened at Vadakkekara with effect from the 1st Thulam 1121.

(*c*) In view to the answer to part (b), this does not arise.

*Dispensary in Parakadavu pakuthi in Parur Taluk.*

599. *MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations for starting a dispensary in Parakadavu pakuthi in Parur taluk; and

(*b*) if so what action was taken in that matter?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Since two dispensaries have been sanctioned for Parur taluk this year one at Vadakkekara and the other at Puthenchira and as the former has already been opened it has been decided that the question of opening a dispensary at Parakadavu will wait. The petitioner has been informed of this decision.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the honourable member be pleased to state whether he received a report as to the urgent necessity of a dispensary from the doctor at Parur?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Then will he be pleased to start a dispensary there atleast in the early half of 1122?

DR. S. JOHN: I have already opened one dispensary at Vadakkekara in Parur taluk. Another dispensary has been sanctioned by the Government and as soon as things are ready it will be done. I do not understand how three dispensaries could be put up all at once.

*Collection of Paddy.*

600. *MR. D. THOMAS (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavancode*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any complaints against some Proverthicars or other officers alleging corruption and malpractice in the collection of paddy for Government;

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(*b*) what action was taken by the Government on such complaints; and

(*c*) the number of Proverthicars or other officers punished for corruption and malpractices?

**MR. K. R. NARAYANA IYER** (*Director of Food Supplies*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Complaints received were enquired into and in cases where the charges were proved the subordinates concerned were punished.

(*c*) Proverthicars 33.
Accountants 3.
Peons 3.

**MR. D. THOMAS**: May I know whether the honourable member can give us an approximate idea of the total number of complaints of corruptions and malpractices received by the Government?

**MR. K. R. NARAYANA IYER**: A very large number of complaints has been received. They have not been tabulated.

**MR. K. A. MATHEW**: May I have an idea of the nature of the punishment inflicted?

**MR. K. R. NARAYANA IYER**: Some have been dismissed from service; some have been placed under suspension and still some others have been retired from service.

**MR. K. A. MATHEW**: Has any officer been transferred?

**MR. K. R. NARAYANA IYER**: I cannot say.

**MR. D. THOMAS**: May I know the exact nature of the enquiry—Departmental, judicial or quasi-Judicial?

**MR. K. R. NARAYANA IYER**: It is a departmental enquiry. Invariably it is conducted by the Division Peishkars.

**MR. D. THOMAS**: Is it not better to leave the matter in the hands of judicial tribunals?

**MR. K. R. NARAYANA IYER**: That is a matter of opinion.

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601. ***MR. K. A. MATHEW**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have published the departmental report of the Food Department for 1118;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, why it has not been published; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, when it was published?

**MR. K. R. NARAYANA IYER**: (*a*) No.

(*b*) It is not usual to publish departmental reports of temporary departments separately.

A brief report on the working of the Food Department during 1118 has been published in the State Administration Report for that year—Vide pages 161—165.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

**MR. K. A. MATHEW**: Regarding the answer to part B, may I know from the Government whether any statement indicating the amount of money invested and the expenditure incurred has been published?

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